

Allotment of time on Doordarshan

6144. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether twenty-five hours were allotted for telecasting the programmes on Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru during the Birth - Centenary in the National network programme where as only seven hours were allotted for telecasting the programmes on Dr. Ambedkar during the Birth-Centenary of Dr. Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No prior allotment of time is made for such programmes by Doordarshan. Moreover, numerical comparisons are in appropriate in such cases as no conclusion can be drawn about the stature of the personalities concerned by comparing the total duration of programmes telecast on them by Doordarshan.

[English]

Faulty Bills by DESU

6145. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
DR VASANT PAWAR
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no respite in the raising of incorrect and wrong electricity bills by DESU;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the DESU in this regard during the last six months and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken to check the issue of wrong and irregular bills in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d). Keeping in view the large number of electricity bills to be issued by DESU pertaining to about 17 lakh consumers, some cases of faulty billing arise due to human errors, mistakes in taking meter readings or in feeding the date into the computer. Complaints about discrepancies in the electricity bills have come down from 2.40% in September, 1991 to about 2.15% in Feb., 1992. The steps taken to check issue of wrong and irregular bills include strengthening of supervision on meter reading, replacement of defective meters, reconciliation of consumer's connection numbers, opening of centralised complaint cell at the computer centre and closer monitoring of billing work. Action is also taken for early rectification of the discrepancies in the bills on receipt of complaints from the consumers.

National Automobile Policy

6146. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether production of buses and their design transportation of urban masses has not received adequate attention while formulating the National Automobile Policy;

(b) whether this has led to channelisation of resources mostly for the production of cars and two wheelers; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken

by his Ministry to improve the production and designing of buses transportation of urban masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) The question of developing an integrated nationalistic policy for the development of automobile sector have all along been under the active consideration of the Government. However, under the present liberalised licensing policy, all automobiles except cars are in delicensed list. Therefore, the production and design of buses for urban transportation comes under the purview of private sector.

Illegal Mining in Bhatti Mines, Delhi

6147 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the ban on mining continues to be flouted in Bhatti Mines in Delhi and,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and corrective steps taken against those found responsible and

(c) whether a citizens watch dog commission is likely to be set up to ensure enforcement of ban involving NGOs who have been in the forefront of protection of labour and environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) and (b) The area constituting the erstwhile Bhatti Mines has been declared as a Wild Life Sanctuary under Wild

Life (Protection) Act, 1972 vide Delhi Administration Notification No.F2(19)/DCF/90-91/1382-91 dated 15.4.1991. Complaints of illegal mining which have been investigated have been found to be lacking in substance.

(c) No, Sir

Yatri Niwas in State

6148 SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of Yatri Niwas set up in the country, State-wise,

(b) the policy of the Government for setting up of Yatri Niwas and

(c) the type of accommodation is provided in Yatri Niwas?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Statement giving the number of Yatri Niwas sanctioned (State-wise) is annexed

(b) and (c) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments on specific proposals, based on their merit, availability of funds and inter se priorities.

Based on the above criteria, the Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned Yatri Niwas at places of tourist interest for providing inexpensive accommodation for middle class tourists.

STATEMENT

<i>State</i>	<i>Number of Yatri Niwas Sanctioned</i>
Andhra Pradesh	1
Assam	1